(b) whether it will lead to further sickness of textile mills;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a cent per cent increase in the export of cotton; and

(d) whether Government considered the option of exporting cotton yarn a semi-finished product instead of exporting raw ■ cotton on a big scale?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The prices of textiles are determined by market forces of demand and supply, apart from the cost of various inputs and duty structure. There is a possibility of hike in taxes being partly absorbed by manufacturers. There are various reasons for sickness in textile industry. Therefore, hike in taxes may not necessarily lead to further sickness. However, Government is keeping a constant watch on prices of textiles.

(c) and (d) The release of export quota of cotton is decided keeping in view the surplus available after meeting the domestic requirement. The export qnot$_a$ °f cotton released so far in the current year is less than that of last year. Government has also been encouraging and providing incentives for export of value added items like yarn, fabrics, made-ups etc.

Facilities to Rice Exporters

972. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major concessions proposed to be provided to the rice exporters; and

(b) to what extent these measures would help to boost export of rice during 1990-91?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHAN'T ILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATELI: (a) Exporters of basmati rice in consumer packs upto 25 kg. are entity ed to replenishment benefit of 10 per cent of f. o. b. value of exports. Exporters of basmati rice in other packag-ings as well as exporters of other rice are. entitled to apply for ad-hoc licences for import of capital goods etc. in terms of para 132 of the current import & Export Policy.

(b) It is not possible to make realistic estimates since exports depend also on a number of other factors such as changes in international demand and supply positions and prices.,

Adoption of Assistant Grade of Central Secretariat, Service on Autonomous Bodies

973. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have revised the scale of Assistant Grade of Central Secretariat Service and Grade 'C 'Stenographers to Rs. 1640-60-2600-EB-7512900 w. e. f. 1. 1. 1986 *vide* their O. M. No. 2/1-90. Cs-IV dated the 31-7-1990;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the Scale of Assistant and Stenographer Grade 'C have not been revised in the autonomous bodies like T. D. A. etc^ under the Ministry of Commerce; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to introduce the pay scale?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised scale of pay of RS. 1640-60-2600-EB-75—2900 notified by the Government for the Assistants and Stenographers Grade 'C has not been extended to autonomous bodies like Trade Development Authority under the Ministry of Commerce aS the terms and conditions mentioned in the Government O. M. are not fulfilled by these bodies.